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OSLO'S SENSATIONAL BUT IMPORTANT DAILY DAGBLADET (INDEPENDENT) WROTE IN AN EDITORIAL ON THURSDAY THAT: "UNLESS UNEXPECTED AND CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IS MADE DURING THE CURRENT LOS NEGOTIATIONS IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT THE LOS TREATY WILL BE READY FOR APPROVAL EARLY NEXT YEAR AS PLANNED."

"A NUMBER OF THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS STILL NEED TO BE SOLVED," DAGBLADET SAID, AND CONTINUED: "BUT IT IS A FACT THAT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ARE NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ACHIEVING A COMPREHENSIVE LOS CONVENTION. THEY ARE BEST SERVED WITH STATUS QUO, ALLOWING THEM TO GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS AS THEY WISH. A NUMBER OF POWERFUL PRIVATE COMPANIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE U.S., ARE IN THE SAME CATEGORY. THEY FEAR THAT THE INTER-

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NATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL MAKE IT HARDER FOR THEM TO EXPLOIT THE VALUABLE MINERALS ON THE OCEAN FLOOR. THESE COMPANIES WOULD PREFER TO HANDLE THIS EXPLORATION WITHOUT CONTROL BY THE UN AND THE PLANNED LOS REGIME."

REGARDING THE LOS PRESIDENCY, THE PAPER WROTE THAT:
"TO OUTSIDERS, IT SEEMS MORE THAN PECULIAR THAT SUCH

A QUESTION CONCERNING A PERSON CAN INFLUENCE THE ACTUAL WORK OF ARRIVING AT A CONVENTION. SOMTEIMES EVEN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PUT THEIR PRESTIGE ASIDE AND CONCENTRATE SOLELY ON THE IMPORTANT TASKS THEY ARE TO HANDLE," THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED. ITEM.

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